

## Dates for your diary:

:: **FOSS Santa Fun Run**, Saturday 1st December, 9.30am, Spaldwick School  
:: **Mince Pies & Stories**, Friday 14th December, 2-3pm, Spaldwick Primary School (An invitation to senior members of the village)  
:: **St James Church Carol Party**, Thursday 20th December, 7.30pm  
:: **Parish Council Meeting**, 20th December & 17th January, 8pm, Community Room, Spaldwick School  
:: **Spaldwick Santa Sleigh**, Sunday December 23rd (See inside for more details)

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# SPALDWICK NEWS



## Spaldwick Remembers, photographs by Mark Heath



Spaldwick fell silent as mark of respect to the fallen at 11am on November 11th, Remembrance Day.

A special service was held on the Village Green, with poppy wreaths and small wooden crosses placed in front of the War Memorial.

At 12.30pm, the bells of St James Church were rung as part of the national 'Ringers Remember' event, part of commemorations marking 100 years since the end of the First World War (pictured right).



## Allotments in Spaldwick, by Steve Fane de Salis

A few years ago Spaldwick Parish Council were asked if allotments could be provided for local residents of Spaldwick and the surrounding area.

The Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 imposed a duty on councils - which remains in force - to provide allotments if six or more people say that they want them; but the cost of laying water pipes was considered prohibitive. (It was suggested the cost should be borne by those few initial allotment holders). The Parish Council made tentative enquiries earlier this year and a lot more than six residents stated they still wanted an allotment. Anglia Water were then asked to conduct a survey and responded positively saying they could connect to a single standpipe in the field on Stow Road.

By Parish Councillors undertaking some of the work themselves and the use of Community Infrastructure Levy monies, the cost has been kept to a minimum and will not be passed on to allotment holders. There is still work to do before any allotments are ready and The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who is interested in offering assistance, expertise or time to set up an Allotment Association.

:: **Contact details for Spaldwick Parish Council Chairman Steve Fane de Salis, and Cllr Graham Smith can be found on [www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk)**



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## Spooooooky Spaldwick on Halloween!

Spooky displays adorned a number of homes on October 31st; there were lots of great costumes from 'trick or treaters' too! **Playtimes** held a special 'Halloween Party' with lots of fun and games for younger children, including fancy dress and pumpkin carving (below).



November 5th saw the sky light up with an impressive fireworks display, put on by The George pub.



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## St James Church Services for December 2018/January 2019

- **Sunday 2nd December, 9.30am - Morning Worship** (Jill Dighton)
- **Sunday 9th December, 4pm - Messy Church Christingle.** All children and families welcome to come and make a Christingle and learn about its meaning. We will also listen to a story and have a Christmas activity. Join us for refreshments too. Please let us know if you will be there so we can get enough oranges: stjamespaldwick@aol.com or phone and leave a message on 01480 890565.
- **Sunday 16th December, 9.30am - Parish Communion** (Revd R. Lancaster)
- **Thursday 20th December, 7.30pm - Carol Party.** £5 per person to include glass of mulled wine - plus please bring a plate of finger food to share. This great village event is looking forward to sharing some festive fun and carols with you in church. To make this a community event, we would welcome those with talent to share with us a poem, music or other form of entertainment.
- **Monday 24th December, 4.30pm - Crib service.** It would be lovely to see families and friends join us for a celebration of Christmas with carols. We welcome children to dress as characters from the crib scene. It would be lovely if you could join us and stay for refreshments afterwards. Any young children who would love a small reading or prayer please contact us stjamespaldwick@aol.com or leave a message on 01480 890565.
- **Monday 24th December, 11.30pm - Midnight Mass** (Revd I. Brennan)
- **Sunday 6th January, 9.30am - Epiphany, Morning Worship** (Jill Dighton)
- **Sunday 20th January, 9.30am - Epiphany 11, Parish Communion** (Revd Dr J. Rawlinson)



### Spaldwick Pony Express - Christmas card delivery service



At this very busy time, why not make use of this service to deliver your cards to homes in Spaldwick Postbox:

**2 High Street, by the Village Green**  
**Opens: 1st December**  
**Last posting date: 19th December**

Volunteers will be giving freely of their time to sort and deliver, so **it would be greatly appreciated if users felt able to make a donation towards the Church Improvement Fund.** Donations to be placed in a sealed envelope and placed through the green front door (not the post box).

Please address your cards with the house number and street. Please put a brief return address or name on the back in case we can't find the delivery address. At weekends or during the school holidays at least one delivery will be made by miniature Shetland ponies in festive costumes, other deliveries will be made by volunteers. **Delivery date(s) to be confirmed on the village website and on the "Posies on Ponies" Facebook page.**



You may have noticed the appearance of a small wooden bridge over the ditch at the side of the Ferriman Road recreation ground.

It's the handiwork of Burton Way resident Uwe Braun and is already being welcomed by walkers and families alike!

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**\*\*\*STOP PRESS: Santa delivering to Spaldwick's good children!\*\*\***

Santa's Elves have told Spaldwick News that his sleigh will soon be stopping off in numerous locations around the village, to see all of the good boys and girls!

The visit, in support of Hunts Community Cancer Network, will be taking place from 4.30 pm on Sunday, December 23rd. There will also be a welcome chance to warm up with mulled wine, hot chocolate and cookies! After Santa's visit, why not join your fellow villagers in The George pub from 6pm for carols and mince pies?

See below for details about where to meet Santa, how your children can receive a gift - and how you could help Santa's Elves too...



Clearly labelled gifts, no bigger than A4 size, to be delivered to Playtimes or 3 Ivy Way by Thursday 20 December

**Guide times for Santa stops:**

4.30pm Burton Way \*\* → 5.00pm Corner of Ferryman & Stow Road →  
5.20pm Littlecotes \*\* → 5.45pm Ivy Way \*\* →

6.00pm The George for carols & mince pies

\*\* Refreshment stops with mulled wine, hot chocolate & cookies

**Mince Pies and Stories  
Spaldwick primary School  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 – 3:00pm**

We would like to invite senior members of the local community to join us for some Christmas cheer. Come and share a mince pie with our children while they read some of their Christmas stories.

If you would like to join us please call the office on 01480 890371 to let us know you are coming.



**CALLING ALL ELVES!**

**Santa is recruiting  
for the Spaldwick Sleigh Ride  
on 23 December!**

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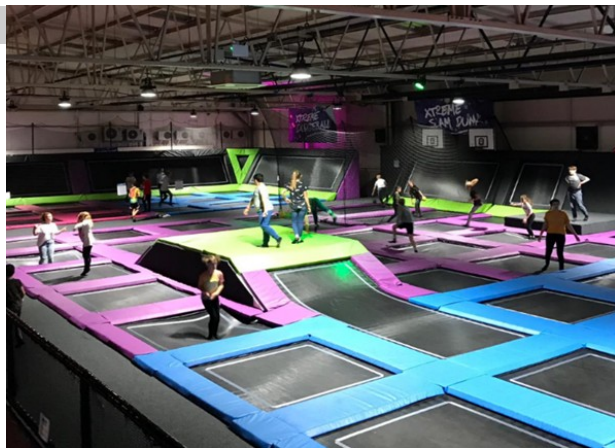
Escape went to Xtreme 360 trampoline park on Friday 16th November and had a blast!

If you want to enjoy activities like this, then come along to join in. If you are in Year 6, and if your 11<sup>th</sup> birthday is before 31<sup>st</sup> December you can join now. If you turn

11 after 31<sup>st</sup> December we'll see you in the New Year.

**:: Last sessions in December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**:: New dates for January 2019 - 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like more information then check out our Facebook page 'Spaldwick Escape Youth Group' or call Julie on 07966 087671.



## Spaldwick Carpet Bowls Club, by Andrew Vickers



Come and try Carpet Bowls. This is a gentle game, played in a fun and friendly atmosphere. New members are always welcome, no previous experience is required. We offer free taster sessions.

**WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday Nights 7pm-10pm (term time only), Spaldwick School.**

Recently we hosted friendly matches against Renhold and Alconbury. The two matches were completely different. Renhold made an excellent start and quickly took an early lead of twelve shots, which was cut back slightly by the interval. Any hope of completing the comeback didn't last long. As the match neared its conclusion, despite our efforts Renhold maintained in control, finally winning 46-32.

It was our turn to take the early advantage when Alconbury visited, making an excellent start. After the first round of games we gained a lead of eighteen shots, this was cut to twelve at the interval. The club continued to dominate after the break eventually winning 58-28.

We have two more friendlies to play before the end of the year and hopefully these will result in two more victories.

**:: For any more information please contact Andrew Vickers on 891201**

### Spaldwick School is Recruiting

We are looking for enthusiastic staff that have the same high expectations as us.

We need a fabulous Site Supervisor (15 hours) and an extraordinary cleaner (12.5 hours) the hours are flexible and could be combined for the right person.

We are also looking for Lunchtime Supervisors. These posts are Monday-Friday, 11:45am-1:00 pm term time only.

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## Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for December/January (Note change of days over Christmas & New Year):

Grey		11 Dec	24 Dec	8 Jan	22 Jan
Blue	4 Dec	18 Dec	2 Jan	15 Jan	29 Jan
Green	6 Dec	20 Dec	4 Jan	17 Jan	31 Jan

Real Christmas trees can be put alongside the green bin for composting in January. If it's taller than the bin, the tree will have to be chopped down to the right size. A complete list of materials that can be recycled can be found at: [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin)

### Report from your Village Hall Committee



The Committee has continued to meet to discuss the way forward on the Village Hall. There have sadly been no further suggestions from the community since the AGM in May last year. **Please share your thoughts.** Any suggestions and comments will be welcomed by the committee and we can promise you everything put forward will be considered. You can contact any of us by email or letter and, the Christmas Post Box at 2 High Street is available from 2<sup>nd</sup> December to post any suggestions/feedback you may have. Please address any correspondence to Village Hall committee.

There appears to be no land available for consideration. We have been in discussions with the owner of Bury Fields, however, we are finding it difficult to get a definitive answer going forward. Any other suggestions for potential land, please do take the opportunity to share your thoughts with us.

To remind you of the committee members; Lyndy Pullan, Raine Thompson, Amba Harbour, Louise Worrell, Paul Webb, Jason Pope and Shayne Parfrey. You can contact the committee via the dedicated email [villagehall@spaldwick.com](mailto:villagehall@spaldwick.com), by post C/o Shayne Parfrey, Ivy House, 38 High Street or by contacting any of the committee members directly.

### Save The Children Coffee Morning and Christmas Card Sale, by Jean Haines

A big thank you to everyone who supported our annual Save The Children event. We had a record number of attendees and raised **£332.14** for the charity.

Special thanks to Nora and Roy Butler for a lovely selection of cards & stationery and to our host, Maggie Lincoln for her hospitality and delicious refreshments.

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**Pantomime Trip with The Welcome Club**

We have a few seats left for Robin Hood at Milton Keynes Theatre on **Thursday 10th January** starring Shane Richie.

The performance is a matinee and commences at 1pm, so we are planning a pick-up from Kimbolton, Spaldwick and Easton from approximately 10am onwards. We will then have some spare time in Milton Keynes for shopping and refreshments before the performance commences.

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